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A LOST CONTINENT.

The Evidence that It was Engulfed by the Pacific-Some Startling Revelations of Modern Science.

Exploration of the Greatest of Oceans and Silent Testimony from Its Depths.

San Francisco Call.

It is our misfortune that history covers so very brief a period that we have no authentic records of terrestrial convulsions which we know from geological evidence must have occurred since human society first existed. A few stray indications here and there show that the creation of the world is as yet far from complete. We know that the Andes have subsided 220 feet in seventy years. Only two years ago islands disappeared and other islands took their places in the straights of Sunday. Less than seventy years ago a district 2000 miles square sud-denly plunged beneath the ladian ocean, with all its inhabitants, their hames, their cities, and their forts, and has never reappeared. The coast of Greenland is known to be slowly sinking into the sea. So is the coast of Sweden and Norway, though the subsidence is slower. Chinese recorrectors report remarkable changes become geographers report remarkable changes in the configuration of their coast since their first maps were drawn. But these changes are so slow and so slight that they escape the notice of all but scientific observers. The mass of mankind be-lieve that the earth is firm. Science, however, preserves the record of alter-nate upheavals and depressions more vast than anything which appears to be going

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And, little as we know of the prehis-toric adventures of the Atlantic ocean and the countries which border it, we know still less of the Pacific and its antecedents. Reasoning upon the data of the earthquakes of 1854 and 1868, Professors Barbe and Hochstetter reckoned the average depth of the ocean to be from 2000 to 2400 fathoms. The Tusca-rors, which traversed the Pacific from California to Japan via the Sandwich Islands, taking soundings on the way—with a view to the laying of an ocean cable—found an average depth of about 2200 fathoms, with depressions of 3000 fathoms. The Challenger in the South Pacific found an average depth of about 2500 fathoms: also with deep spots reaching occasionally 3500 fathoms. But in the Northern Pacific a very different state of things is found. In Behring sea it is an exception to find a depth of 100 fathoms; twe ty-five, thirty, forty and fifty fathoms are the rule. Round the fur-seal islands—St. Paul and St. George-bottom is reached at twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, and only in one or two places as far down as fifty fathoms; in the center of Behr-ing straits the depth marked on the coast-survey charts is twenty-five fathoms. Again, at the south, the aver age depth of the sea between Chill and New Zealand is known to be about 1500 fathoms. Thus, so far as we know—and

is broken and the bowl merges into the

Antarctic ocean.

Assuming that this is a correct description of the Pscific basin—which, from want of adequate soundings, we are far from being sure of—it compares curious-ly with the Atlantic ocean, about which we know a good deal. The latter ocean has a bench or terrace, varying from fifty to 100 miles in width, and from nothing to 100 fathoms in depth, which borders the continents that inclose the ocean. Be-yord this bench deep water—in places as deep as 3500 fathoms-comes suddenly The ocean basin is traversed from north

The occan oasin is traversed from north to south by a plateau, extending from the Azores, or even further south, to Iceland; on either side of the plateau is a deep valley of water. On the plateau depths of 2000 fathoms are rare; 1500 fathoms is the usual average. But just outside the edges of the plateau there are places where no bottom is found at 3000. The theory of cosmograpists is at 3000. The theory of cosmogonists is that this plateau was once dry land, and that it suns to a depth of nearly two miles beneath the surface of the ocean in a conaccount of the lost Island of Atlants, from which, according to the Egyptians, they and the Greeks, and Indeed all the emigatened peoples of ancient times derived their civilization, that ignatius Bonnelly constructed his interesting theory of a lost continent. of a lost continent.

Sir William Dawson has not furnished the public with the reasons that induced him to suppose that the Creator's work is flaished in the Atlantic and undatahed in the Pacific. It cannot have been that he argued that there had been no subsidence of the bottom of the latter, for the evi-dences of such a catastrophe were long ago pointed out by Dana and Darwin. The coral insect will not build below 100 The coral insect will not build below 100 or 150 feet beneath the surface of the water. Yet coral detrius has been brought up from depths of 2000 to 5000 fathoms, and this throughout Polynesia, as far north as 2 or 3 degrees above the tropic of Capricorn, and as far south as Australia. Hence, it seems that what is now the bottom of a deep sea must once have been the bottom of a shallower, such as Refring was is now shallow sea, such as Behring sea is now Again, the coloasal remains on Easter Island show that at one time or other that island must have been connected with island must have been connected with Islands now lying 1000,3000 and 5000 miles further west. They could not have been erected by the natives of an island which cannot feed its people, much less prove a home for art. The islanders cannot have sailed to Easter from Polynesia, for they cannot beat to windward in their light-draught canoes, and the tracewinds blow from the east and southeast for eleven months in the year. Nor could they have come from the west Nor could they have come from the west of South America, for they are men of a of South America, for they are men of a different race from any that ever lived on this continent, being, in fact, obviously members of the Polynesian family. Hence the former existence of a South Pacific continent, though not absolutely demonstrated, is rendered so probable that no man of science would be surprised. at the discovery of absolute evidence of its having been.

Geographers have amused themselves by reconstructing the lost continent, as Donnelly reconstructed Atlantis. They that is precious fittle—the basin of the have taken existing islands for the tops Pacific is a circular bowl, about 5000 of mountain ranges, and imagined valiathoms deep in the deepest part, with a leys between them, spreading from range well-defined rim on the western, northern to range. Thus Dana imagines two prinand easters sides, and with innumerable cipal mountain ranges, one starting from the lands cropping up all over, like the peaks of the mountains of a submerged continent. On the southern side the rim Islands, and another starting from the

Society group and running westwardly through the Navigators, the Fijl group, the Solomon group, New Guines, the Spice Islands, Celebes, Borneo, Sumatra, and adjoining the continent of Asia et Maiacca. Perhaps this theory of cosmogony is as reconcilable with the facts as any other.

as any other.

It involves two alternatives, each more appailing than the other. If there was a Pacific continent, how did it disappear? Did it fall crashing down through the waters, in an instant, in some mighty earthquake which hurled millions of human beings into eternity with such awful swiftness that no one knew what was handaring to him? One lid it sanishes happening to him? Or did it subside gradually, the area of cultivable land becoming less each year, so that men fied to hillitops to escape the inexorable advance of the surging sea, and while a few made their escape and bore to distant and a the story of the degree the scrape. lands the story of the deluge, the great bulk perished miserably of hunger or in battle for the food which was too scanty to suffice for all? Are such catastrophes likely to occur?

She will break the roles of the latest style. likely to occur? We are all of us too prope to dis-

stand. Every one was amused the other day at a nock-and-bull story of a full rigged ship being discovered in the heart of the Colorado desert; but this wouldn't have been ball so wonderful as the dishave been ball so wonderful as the discovery of the linguise on the top of the
Rocky Mountains, which every traveler
has seen. This is a world of incessant
change. Nothing statis 5till. An
things must change to something
new, to something strange. The
red-hot sphere, on the cooled surface of
which we stand, is gradually losing its
best. It must content is confirm. heat. It must contract is cooling. As it contracts the outer skin must cease to fit the diminished laterior, as the old man's youthful hose become a world too wide youthful hose become a world too wide for his grank shanks. Is it any wonder that now and then, in the procession of the ages, once in a million years or so, a continent should fall in and a new distribution of land and water should take

believe and deride what we don't under-

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ong time and watched her pranks from afar, seen her cut the "pigeon-wing" and knock the "back-step" in the back yard, when she thought she had no spectator; but still we don't know her. From the time she is big enough to swing on the gate and tie a ribbon in a double bowknot, she begins to locate a sweetheart, and she keeps this up until he

is located in the back-yard, exercising his talents dissecting stove wood. She may be a little dull on mathemat

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